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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20054

Re: **Ex Parte Notice – MB Docket 03-206**
Petition of Word of God Fellowship, Inc.
d/b/a Daystar Television Network

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2) of the Commission's rules, EchoStar Satellite Corporation ("EchoStar") hereby files this ex parte notice to report that, on November 14, 2003, representatives of EchoStar had a brief telephone conversation with Rosalee Chiara of the Commission's Media Bureau.

In the call, EchoStar pointed out that this proceeding has become a free-for-all for parties pursuing agendas that have nothing to do with the issues raised by Daystar's petition. For example, the questions that Dominion has continued to raise regarding the carriage terms agreed by Daystar have no place in this matter. Dominion cannot be an aggrieved party with respect to Daystar's commitment not to seek double carriage of the same programming feed, and therefore has no standing to object to these terms. EchoStar also pointed to the obvious public interest benefits of agreements with public interest programmers such as Daystar that avoid dual carriage of the same programming. When a qualified public interest programmer has both a national programming feed and broadcast stations (owned or affiliated) in certain local markets transmitting a duplicative feed, it makes no sense to saddle consumers in those local markets with two channels providing the same content.

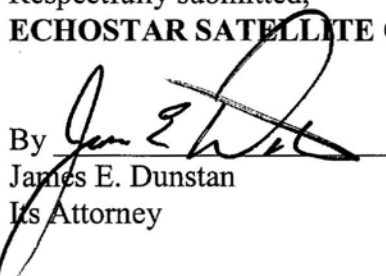


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Pursuant to the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206(b)(2), EchoStar hereby provides an original and one copy of this letter for inclusion in the above-captioned file number.

Respectfully submitted,
ECHOSTAR SATELLITE CORPORATION

By 
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Its Attorney

cc: Rosalee Chiara